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Mr. William F. Welch, Clerk
Massachusetts State Senate
State House – Room 335
Boston, MA 0213

Mr. Steven J. James, Clerk
Massachusetts House of Representative
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 0213

Re: Salem Power Plant Decommissioning Subcommittee Recommendation

Dear Messrs. Welch and James,

As Chair, I am writing on behalf of the Salem Harbor Revitalization Task Force to respectfully inform you that we will be submitting our final recommendation with respect to the decommissioning of future sites in early 2014. Per Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012, the Task Force delivered its initial report on the redevelopment and remediation of the Salem Harbor Station site. Having met these requirements, the Task Force must now:

...identify and develop a plan for other coal-fired generation facilities in the commonwealth that may face closure prior to December 31, 2017 that ensures the deconstruction, remediation and redevelopment or repowering of such sites. The Task Force shall present its analysis of other coal-fired generation facilities in the commonwealth by December 31, 2013.

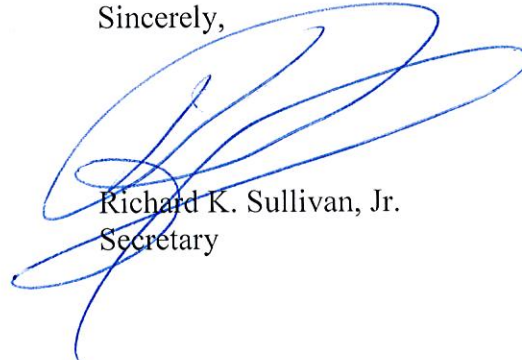
Given the recently announced retirement of two coal-fired facilities in Massachusetts and the desire for a recommendation which is fully informed by robust public input, the Task Force believes a short delay in filing recommendations is necessary. The Task Force will hold a public hearing in Somerset, Massachusetts in early January. This feedback, along with other information gleaned at future meetings will be crucial in our final recommendation.



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The Task Force looks forward to submitting the final recommendation by February 1, 2014 to your office. Please feel free to contact my office with questions or concerns on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned over the typed name and title.

Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.
Secretary